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INFORMATION REPORT

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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- Enlisted men and non-commissioned officers in the Security Brigade signed up for three years; officers did not have a set period of service. Voluntary enlistment in the Brigade was almost negligible and very few soldiers remained in the Brigade to serve longer than the required period. Enlisted men and non-commissioned officers were entitled to twenty days of leave annually. This leave was granted by the company commander. Officers were entitled to a month's leave; their leave was granted by Battalion Headquarters which required prior approval from Brigade Headquarters.

- Officers' pay was as follows:

	<u>Warrant Officer</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>Capt. 2nd Class</u>	<u>Capt. 1st Class</u>
<u>Base Pay</u>					
Officer	4400 leks	4500 leks	4600 leks		
Company Commander	4800 leks	4900 leks	5000 leks	5100 leks	
Commander of Battalion			6200 leks	6300 leks	6400 leks

- The food allowance was as follows:¹

Wheat Bread	27 kg.
Rice	2 kg.
Dry Beans	2 kg.
Macaroni	2 kg.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Potatoes	6 kg.
Meat	5 kg.
Oil	900 gr.
Sugar	900 gr.

When there was no tea for breakfast, cheese or marmalade was substituted. The food allowance was the same for enlisted men and officers and there was no charge.

4. Each member of the Brigade received 25 coupons every three months for the purchase of clothing; this was the same for officers and enlisted men. The Brigade used a British uniform for winter and a Soviet uniform for the summer. In the summer, rubber-soled moccasins were used for the field and new ones could always be obtained in exchange for those that were worn out. Galoshes were issued for the winter. A straw mattress and three blankets were issued to each soldier; no sheets were issued. A board bunk one meter off the ground served as a bed. Officers had private quarters.

5. The daily program included:

Reveille at 0500 hours; physical culture from 0500 to 0515; making beds and washing up from 0515 to 0530; political information and criticism of soldiers from 0530 to 0545; and breakfast from 0545 to 0600. At 0600 training commenced. When not in the field, training usually consisted of the following: Marksmanship, 2 hours; tactical training, 2 hours; tactics in street fighting, assault tactics and mountain maneuvers, 2 hours. The time for training varied and on occasion one subject or the other would be extended for 4 hours. Lunch and rest was from 1200 hours to 1400 hours and political education was from 1400 hours to 1600 hours. After this, 20 minutes was allowed for cleaning weapons. All training was according to the Soviet system. Usually from 1600 to 1800 hours all officers were assembled and instructed in regard to the following day's training by the Company Commander. The units of the Brigade were inspected each week by the Battalion Commander and the Company Commanders inspected once a day. Inspection by Brigade Headquarters was held once a month.

6. The company had sixty enlisted men and officers. There were 19 automatics which were carried by the company officers and non-comms; these were of German and Soviet make.² Soldiers carried 60-round German Parabellum machine pistols. Each soldier had two Soviet hand grenades. The company did not have any reserve weapons of any type and only a few rounds of rifle ammunition was kept on hand. The reserve in the Battalion Depot was also very low and consisted of only a few hand grenades, guns, and a few rounds of ammunition.

Comments

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1. No period of time is specified, but it is believed that the ration is for one month.
2. The reference is probably to pistols. It is believed that those carried by the officers are Walthers.

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